The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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September was a busy month for the Radio Club. W7DK participated in the annual Salmon Run contest on the 19th and 20th. For the first time in a couple of years, we missed getting a 'clean sweep' of all 39 counties in Washington. Still a great showing, lots of QSOs both within the Washington and many other States and Canadian Provinces. A tip of the cap to all who were involved in any facet of the event - especially to our supporters who honor us by making a pledge of a monetary contribution to spur us on to greater endeavors and to maintain and improve the Club and its facilities and equipment. Many Thanks.

Lots of stuff coming up in the next couple of months. Election of Officers in November, vote on Bylaw Revisions in December. See details about both elsewhere in this issue.

Also in December are at least two FUN activities on the schedule. Our annual Awards Banquet will be held at a different venue this year. Thanks to the efforts of Dave W7UUU and Anne N7ANN the Club has secured use of the facilities of the Scottish Rite Temple located on Vassault St to the north of Tacoma Community College.

And one of my yearly favorites, Straight Key Night on New Years Eve. The W7OS Doc Spike Museum hosts the gig at the Clubhouse. Old antique or historical rigs are fired up and the glow of vacuum tubes provides a glorious remembrance of the days of amateur radio before the advent of transistors and other semiconductors. Dust of that old straight key and come pound brass. The Bingo Party was a big hit last year, so perhaps we can nudge last year's facilitators into setting it up again.

One last note - the Property Management Committee is soliciting applications for a volunteer to assist in the management of sales of surplus property using auction sites such as EBay. If you have experience or interest, please contact a PMT member.

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Board of Directors Meeting
2 September2015

The Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma. Officers and board members present:

Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board Member	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Member	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board Member	Al Ferguson N7OMS

There were 7 names on the attendance roster a copy of which is attached to the original minutes
Quorum: No

The meeting began at 7 pm with only four officers present. No official action was taken. These notes provide a record of the discussions held by those present at the meeting.

Minutes: Not Addressed

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None reported

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: No Report.

Training: No Report

Information Technology: No Report:

HF Operations: No Report

Repeaters: No Report

Repeater Status:

W7DK 145.21 Repeater, Bates Channel 28: --Operational
W7DK 147.28 Repeater Clubhouse: Status –- Operational
W7DK 147.38 Repeater Crawford Mountain: Status – Operational, *awaiting installation of the 440 MHz control unit*
Tim has the new antenna for the Crawford Mountain repeater
W7DK 440.625 Repeater Clubhouse Status –Operational
IRLP 147.28 Repeater) Operational

Facilities Management:
Mike Finnie W7MWF reported that the garage electrical work is about 90% completed. There was a short discussion about painting before the winter really sets in.

Property Management:
Mike W7MWF: No Report

General Membership Meeting Program for 9 September;
Larry Watson KD4VOM will present the Cascadia Rising briefing given at this year's Communications Academy

Workshop Project:
There was a discussion about presenting a how to for QSL cards for the September 23rd Workshop

Museum: Rich KR7W No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bylaws Amendment and Annual Election of Officers:
There was a discussion addressing the bylaws requirements for mailing the Election Ballots, and the requirements for mailing proposed Bylaws changes.

There was agreement that to simplify the mailing process and satisfy the required ballot notifications for both, that the Election Ballots, candidates statements and proposed Bylaws changes be mailed at the same time. The Election Ballot counting will be held at the November General Membership meeting, and the Proposed Bylaws Ballot counting at the December General Membership meeting.

RCT Centennial Planning: No updates

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Salmon Run:

There was a review of plans for the Salmon Run Fund drive, and George K7GRS reports that this year's Salmon Run Pledge letters were mailed today.

Al N7OMS and Randy WB4SBP discussed this year's operating plan which will use two stations and work to accommodate the best opportunity to meet our goals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ATTABOY"S: None

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00

General Membership Meeting
9 September 2015 Notes

The General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building at Waller Road and 112th Street. .

Secretary Larry Watson KD4VOM called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Al Ferguson N7OMS

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 43 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Secretary Larry KD4VOM

INTRODUCTIONS: Welcoming of guests and self-introductions were completed. Several new visitors were welcomed, and new calls acknowledged.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: None reported

Correspondence:

Newsletters
Utility Bills
Membership Renewals
Newsletters and Journals
QEX, NCJ, Electric Radio
Salmon Run Pledge returns
ARRL Special Service Club Certificate

The Field Day Pig and Question/Suggestion box were circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations and member requests and ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VE Report: John Clarke AC7WW
Tuesday September 8th 2015 six volunteer examiners graded 14 elements from six candidates at the Radio Club of Tacoma clubhouse. Four new Technicians joined the amateur ranks with two candidates passing elements two and three to become General. Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.

Jon, AD7AW Jan, K7HTU
Rich, KK7VH Mike, W7XH
Stephen, AD7AB

The next monthly scheduled testing session will be Tuesday, October 13th, 2015.

Membership: Last reported at 310

Training: Next Technicians Class will be October.10/11

HF Station: Operational

Repeaters: Operational

Facilities: Bruce W7EP noted that maintenance work continues on the garage exterior. Garage electrical work is also nearing completion.

Property Management: Mike Finnie W7MWF recapped recent property donations and sales.

Mike also announced that the current BARK is available on the W7DK.org website.

Workshops: Not yet determined

Salmon Run: The pledge drive is underway, and if you haven't received your pledge package in the mail, contact George K7GRS
The Operating Event will be a two station two day event, running to Midnight on Saturday and picking up the following morning. Al N7OMS asked if the group would want a social/potluck Saturday evening as we have done in the past. The idea received a positive response.

W7DK at the Fair: The RCT has a golden opportunity every September to promote our club and Amateur Radio at the Western Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Stephen AD7AB and his team put together a spiffy booth, and your part is to come and serve a tour. You can sign up at the W7DK.org website. Look for the Puyallup Fair and add your name wherever there is an empty or only one name in a tour box. You will receive free ticket to the fair and free parking.

Elections – Nominating Committee: Randy WB4SPB provided information on the work of the Nominating committee and their nominees.

Nominations were opened for Nominations from the Floor and none were forthcoming. Nominations from the Floor were closed. Another opportunity for nominations will occur at the October General Membership Meeting

PROGRAM: Cascadia Rising Earthquake/Tsunami Exercise – Larry Watson KD4VOM presented a briefing initially given at this year's Communications Academy by the Western Washington ARRL team of Monte Simpson W7MLS and Mike Chaplin NC7Q.

This major emergency operations exercise is scheduled for June of 2016 and is based on work done by the Huxley College of Western Washington University to determine the impact of a 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake occurring off the coast of Central Oregon.

The damage expected from an earthquake and resulting tsunami will catastrophic to most of the Washington State Coastal area and severe damage to life, limb and infrastructure in the area including deaths ranging in the 10s of thousands, mass casualties, loss of bridges, highways and other transportation systems together with fuel, port, airport and communications systems failure.

Amateur Radio will be pressed into service and for some early period Amateur Radio HF may be the only means of communicating outside the heavily impacted area.

The question is are we ready, and if not, what can we do to better prepare for such an event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RCT Treasurer: The Club is seeking members interested in taking on the appointment as Treasurer. Please contact any Club Officer or Board Member for further information.

SHOW AND TELL: Bill AD7QI brought in his nifty new quadcopter and had planned to present a video, unfortunately the program ran long, so Bill was asked to bring the presentation to the November meeting.

DOOR PRIZES: Dave W7UUU took home the Raffle Prize. While Leonard KA7NWF picked up the door prize.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

W7DK
Radio Club of Tacoma
Proudly celebrating 99 years
of Amateur Radio Service to
Pierce County and the Pacific Northwest

NOTICES OF OFFICIAL EVENTS

The **Annual Business Meeting** of the Club will be held Wednesday evening, November 11, 2015 m 7:30 pm (Veterans Day) at the Pierce County Library Admin Building. **Elections will be held for Officers and Board Members.**

The **Annual Awards Banquet** will be held at the on Sunday afternoon, December 6, 2015 at the Scottish Rite Temple, 817 So. Vassault St., Tacoma 98465. The event will take place from 2pm until ??

Voting for **Changes to the Club Bylaws** will be undertaken at the General Meeting on Wednesday evening, December 9, 2015 at the Pierce County Library Admin Building.

The slate of officers and notes regarding bylaw changes appear elsewhere in this issue.

W7DK Salmon Run 2015 Results

The Washington State QSO Party

Salmon Run stats

- Total Contacts = 995
- Bonus points for working W7DX using two modes: 1,000
- Total Points = 208,041

- Counties worked: 35
- Counties missed: Ferry, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Whitman

Total Contacts by Operator:

Operator	Total	%	
K7PIA	312	31	
KE7RTB	210	21	
K7OG	156	16	
WB4SPB	140	14	
WG7X	108	11	
K7TMW	51	5	
W6RHY	10	1	<--
honorable mention:		**new member this year**	
W7MWF	4	0	
K7ZG	3	0	
K7SSS	1	0	<--
honorable mention:		**Jimmy!!**	

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	43	90	0	133	13
40	27	3	0	30	3
20	126	653	0	779	78
15	50	0	0	50	5
6	1	2	0	3	0
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Total	247	748	0	995	100

An admirable effort in the 2015 Salmon Run by members and friends of the Radio Club of Tacoma. Special thanks to Randy WB4SPB, and Al N7OMS for overall leadership and technical expertise - and to George K7GRS for managing the complex logistics of soliciting, tabulating, reconciling, and sending thank you notes and receipts in connection with the Salmon Run Pledge Drive. And kudos to the operators, supporters, cheerleaders, cooks, and bottle-washers. Well Done!

RCT Elections - Terms to start January, 2016

During the 2015 election cycle, the terms of Vice President, Secretary, and three Board of Director positions expire and will need to be filled for the next 2-year terms. The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of candidates, and there were no nominations from the floor during the September and October General Meetings.

For Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ (incumbent)
For Secretary	Mike Finnie W7MWF
For Board Position	Bruce Hanson WE7P (incumbent)
For Board Position	Paul Matney W7PFU
For Board Position	Bob Jamison KE7WPK

You may vote in person at the General Meeting on November 11, 2015, or submit your ballot earlier by delivering or mailing to the Club Secretary as directed in the instruction letter accompanying the election package.

Mike W7XTZ

Mike W7MWF

Bruce WE7P

Paul W7PFU

Bob KE7WPK

Regarding Proposed Changes to Bylaws

The notes below were submitted by the Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee to the Club Officers, Directors, and Members for full consideration at the December 9, 2015 General Meeting. Full text of the changes were mailed with a ballot to each Club member so entitled to vote.

The ad hoc committee to advise on bylaws revision, comprised of Larry Watson, Peter Baker and George Salisbury, has reviewed the RCT Bylaws and offers, as a consensus, the following suggested amendments to the current RCT Bylaws. Strikethrough text represents deletions; [square brackets], insertions of new wording. While some suggestions may appear trivial, striving for the "cleanest" version at this point seems prudent. These notes preceding the marked-up copy of the current Bylaws suggest reasons that may justify the changes

1. **Section ONE (B) Family membership.** There is no sociological position (regarding status of an individual within a family) relevant to this section; rather, with a Full or Senior membership already representing a family as its "sponsor," a monetary break for others in that residence is in the spirit of the original wording.
2. **Section ONE (E) Special Membership** "they" is not grammatically correct ("agreement in number") – should be "he or she3."
3. **Section TWO (A) Membership fee determination** In reining in the deadline for dues payment in the following subsection (B), adjustment must be made in *this* subsection to allow for timely announcement of renewals and of any change of dues rates.
4. **Section TWO (B) DUE DATE**. Wording changes are both semantic and pragmatic: the dues *should* be paid by date certain, but practically the date gets missed at times. Nevertheless, in keeping with the Radio Club of Tacoma calendar year, the dates need to be changed to eliminate the artificial "fiscal year" for membership which has developed.
5. **Section TWO (H) Senior Membership**. New wording clarifies the reckoning date for eligibility.
6. **Section FOUR (H) Voting Members** Technically excludes seniors as it stands
7. **Section FIVE (E) Secretary**. The duties highlighted here are redundant with those of the Property Manager(s) and are neither currently performed by the Secretary, nor need be.
8. **Section FIVE (F) (4)** Makes bond optional.
9. **Section FIVE (G) (1)** The Treasurer should not be burdened with budgetary matters properly subsumed under specific committee heads' responsibilities; rather, the various committee heads should provide the data to the Treasurer so that he may present a composite to the Board.
10. **Section SIX (C) Parliamentary Procedure** Strengthens the logic (a case may exist where the rule is
inconsistent with one but not the other – a NAND case)
11. **Section SEVEN (A) Standing committees**. While a standing committee functions properly, its existence is justified. When it becomes dysfunctional or non-functional it should be disbanded. Rather than the Board assuming responsibilities of the committee, it should see to the establishment or revival of necessary committees.
12. **Section SEVEN (1) (A) (1) Membership.** There has been no functioning committee as such for a long time. The chairman solicits help on an as-needed basis.
13. **Section SEVEN (1) (A) (2) Emergency Operations**. A plan was previously developed. There is little
need (and seemingly less interest) in a standing committee.
14. **Section SEVEN (3), (4), (6)** – (paragraphs moved) Attending comments are self-explanatory.
15. **Section EIGHT (A) (5)** Suggested changes leave the *possibility* open while removing a *mandate* that
is largely ignored.
16. **Section EIGHT (E) (4)** ditto
17. **Section NINE (D)** Changes necessary to correctly identify versions after revision approval.

Upcoming Events

Election of Officers
Election of Officers will be held at the November 11 General Meeting at the Pierce County Library Building, 112th and Waller Road.

Annual Awards Banquet
The RCT Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 6 at the Scottish Rite Temple, 817 Vassault St. beginning at 2 in the afternoon.

Ballot for Adoption of Changes to Bylaws
Voting to accept or reject proposed changes to the Club bylaw has been scheduled for the General Meeting to be held on December 9 at the Library Administration Building, 112th and Waller Road.

Straight Key Night 2016
The annual ARRL Straight Key Night celebration will be held on New Years Eve, December 31 at the Clubhouse, starting around 5PM. Pizza and a dessert buffet are standard fare. Come get on the air, maybe play bingo, and enjoy the fellowship.

FYBO 2016
The annual Freeze Your Buns Off (FYBO) QRP Contest will again be held this year on the first Saturday of February, the 6th. Come hone your QRP skills, have fun, and score extra points if the temperature is cold!

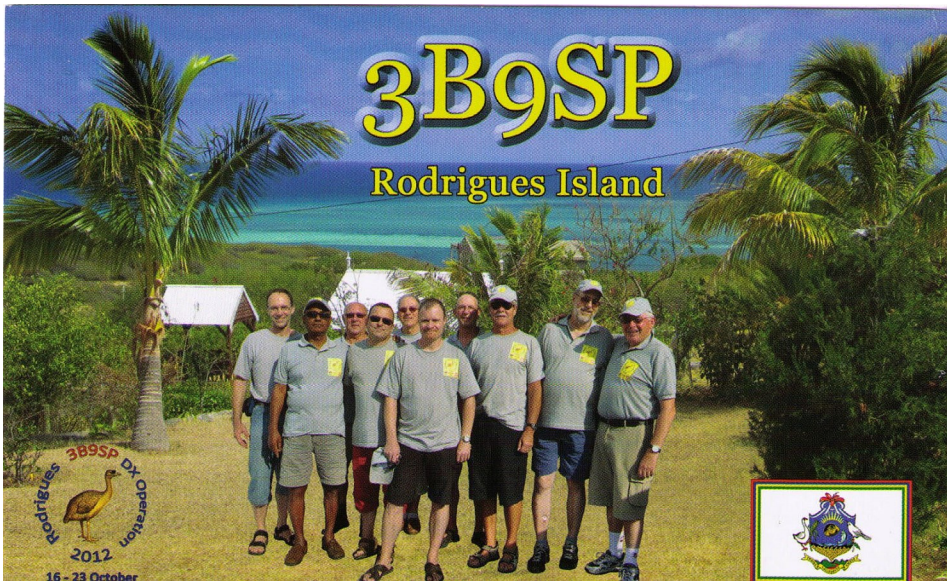
Dots in the Oceans

As the wind howls and the rain pelts down through the upcoming months, Nick K7MO has sent us a couple of cards that might brighten our days.

Yep, I bet palm trees, gentle breezes and warm water would be on many of our wish lists as winter-time sets in in the Pacific Northwest.
Thanks Nick for sharing these with us.

Operator's Wallpaper

If you have any special, or cool, or unique, or simply beautiful QSL cards in your collection that you'd like to share, please scan (high resolution is preferred) and email to the Bark Editor w7dk-news@earthlink.net. If you can't get them scanned, bring them along to the clubhouse on a Saturday , we'll scan them real quick and give them back to you.



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Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5
Crawford Mountain (SE Thurston County): 147.380 + PL=103.5
Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5
North Tacoma: 145.21 – PL=141.3

Remember - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website w7dk.org. Be sure to enroll as a member to see all the info.

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Upcoming RCT Events

REGULAR EVENTS

Club Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Workshops: Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse, 1249 So. Washington St, Tacoma. A variety of training and educational events will be conducted.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 19/20 - Salmon Run 2015